THE
SOLEMN OATH
WHICH THE
Kings of Scotland

Are to Take, by Virtue of an ACT of Parliament made in the firſt Parliament of King *JAMES* the VIth, at the Time of their Coronation, and receipt of their Princely Authority. *Anno* 1567.

ITEM, Becauſe that the increaſe of Vertew, and ſuppreſſing of Idolatrie craves, that the Prince and the People be of ane perfect Religion, quhilk of God's Mercy is now preſently profeſſed within this Realme. Therefore it is Statute, and Ordeined be our Soveraine Lord, my Lord Regent, and Three Eſtaites of this preſent Parliament, That all Kinges and Princes, or Magiſtrates whatſoever, halding their Place, quhilkis hereafter in ony time ſall happen to Reigne, and beare Rule over this Realme, at the time of their Coronatioun, and receipt of their Princely Authority, make their faithfull Promiſe by Aith in Preſence of the Eternal God, That induring the haill courſe of their lives, they ſall ſerve the ſamin Eternal God, to the uttermoſt of their Power, according as he hes required in his maiſt holy Word, reveiled and contained in the new and auld Teſtaments. And according to the ſamin worde ſall mainteine the trew Religioun of Chriſt Jeſus, the Preaching of his Halie Word, and dew and richt miniſtration of the Sacraments now received and preached within this

this Realm; And ſall aboliſh and gainſtand all fals Religioun contrare to the ſamin: And ſall rule the Peopill committed to their Charge, according to the Will and Commaund of God, reveiled in his foreſeide word, and according to the louable Laws, and Conſtitutions received in this Realm, na wiſe repugnant to the ſaid word of the Eternall God. And ſall procure to the uttermaiſt of their Power, to the Kirk of God, and hail Chriſtian Peopil, trew and perfite Peace in all time cumming. The Richtis and Rentes, with all juſt Privileges of the Crown of *Scotland*, to preſerve and keip inviolated, nouther ſall they transfer nor alienate the ſamin. They ſall forbid and repreſſe in all Eſtaites, and Degrees, reiſe, oppreſſion, and all kind of wrang. In all Judgements, they ſall commaund, and procure that Juſtice and Equity be keiped to all Creatuers, without exception, as the Lord and Father of al Mercyes, be merciful to them. And out of their Landes and Empyre, they ſall be carefull to rute out all Hereticks, and Enemies to the trew Worſhip of God, that ſall be convicte be the true Kirk of God, of the foreſaidis Crimes. And that they ſall faithfullie affirme the things above written, be their Solemn Aith.

Licenſed and Entred according to Order.

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